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TAGS: PARM, MY

SUBJ: MULTINATIONAL NCLEAR CENTERS: ASSESSMENT OF KEY ASIAN  
COUNTRIES' ATTITUDES TOWARD PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING

REF: STATE 154049

1. REPARA 6 REFTTEL, GOM PLANNING TO COMMISSION  
NATIONAL NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER BY 1978 AT EARLIEST,  
UTILIZING TRIGA MARK I REACTOR. NATIONAL ELECTRICITY  
BOARD PLANNING CALLS FOR COMMISSIONING OF 600 MW  
REACTOR BY 1987, AT EARLIEST. RE NUCLEAR RAW MATERIALS,  
IAEA TEAM IN OCT 1972 RECOMMENDED AERIAL SURVEY  
OF SELECTED AREAS EAST MALAYSIA TO DETERMINE ANY  
RESERVES URANIUM. SUCH SURVEY NOT YET UNDERTAKEN.  
TEAM ALSO NOTED SUBSTANTIAL MALAYSIAN PRODUCTION OF  
MONAZITE FROM TIN MINING TAILINGS. DR. EDWARD TELLER  
IN FEB 1975 ALSO DREW GOM ATTENTION TO LATTER  
(THORIUM) AS NOTABLE ENERGY SOURCE.

2. AT THIS JUNCTURE, LEVEL OF GOM INTEREST IN URANIUM  
ENRICHMENT OR PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING RANGES FROM LOW  
RE ENRICHMENT TO NONEXISTENT RE REPROCESSING. MODEST  
INTEREST IN ACCESS TO ENRICHMENT FACILITIES EXPECTED  
DEVELOP AS PLANS FOR COMMERCIAL REACTOR PROCEED.  
NOTABLE INTEREST COULD DEVELOP RAPIDLY DEPENDING ON  
ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING THORIUM  
AS FUEL SOURCE, EITHER ALONE OR IN BLEND WITH URANIUM,  
BUT APPRAISAL OF THIS IS BEYOND  
EMBASSY'S CAPABILITY. SIMILARLY, DISCOVERY OF NOTABLE  
URANIUM RESERVES EAST MALAYSIA WOULD QUICKLY INCREASE  
GOM INTEREST.

3. WE HAVE NO RPT NO EVIDENCE OF ANY INTEREST BY GOM  
IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DE-  
VICES, OR IN INDEPENDENT NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE.  
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